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I sent the Yanks. I don't think it would be an answer but I don't send it me. I'll ask them in the Times, but I'll ask who you are & tell you name & the list of subscribers. I suppose that also can wait. A letter from Olive I am sending on.

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I sent the P. cards. I don't think it was worth while sending it as I don't send it as anything from the Times, but as a card which you can use if you like. I suppose that also can wait. A letter from Olive I am sending on.

Yours
VW

from the Greys. but it was
too hot to do anything
but paint like a dolphin
on the beach. It is now much
cooler. but we have settled
to go to Scone on Friday.
Hugh & Clive wish have to
come back again for Monday
night & I may come with
him. Sophy was full of some
mysterious plan this morning
about your caretaker & your
domestic holidays. - I didn't
attempt to understand it -
but apparently all she wanted
to know was whether you

would be back before the 28th
& I took it upon myself to
say that I thought you wouldn't
If you're not it's all right.
but if you will be good
enough let her know. She
will be here till Tuesday
anyhow - or Wednesday.
The servants all radiate under
her - & Julian devours her
dishes - She is far more active
than Myrtha was & I think
deeper than Myrtha in her
decline. In fact I feel her to
be only too perfect. I had old
Kate again today & have to
finish her tomorrow. She has
now put on a yellow necklace
which makes her look more
like a mammoth, or was it

Mammon?. Than ever. & elephantine is not the word for it. Today to keep her going I asked her to explain Mendelism to me. She started off perspiring but profoundly. & at intervals I heard "16 long & 8 short. That makes 24. add to that 4 long. That makes 28. add to that ". ele ele. till at last she announced that it had come out wrong & began again. Poor old thing. She got so hot that I thought she would have apoplexy. At last she said it had come out right & did I understand it? Did I tell you that I was such a success with Sir Herbert that he is coming to luncheon tomorrow so I shall have them both. oh Lord. You have 2 communications. one from Lucas about your shares which have been bought

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Tuesday.

My Billy.

I have spent a day contemplating Kate & listening to Sir Herbert Stephen's jokes. Oh Lord. What a race. Nothing else has happened except that it has begun to rain. But we go on Friday & I come back on Monday for one night to have a last sitting from Kate. I had a letter from you

this morning full of lurid
description of wasby Corridors
I suppose they are worse
than Stephens - Tell Saxon
I am in the middle of
a letter to him - but I
feel unworthy - We have
been arguing for hours
about heredity! I felt
that my position was as
sensible as Saxon himself -
Do you think a closer
inspection that he & I have
much in common? I

have heard nothing from
Otto Kiss, which is rather
surprising & I think the
must still be away.
We have dropped us.
I haven't time for much
tonight but will write
tomorrow. Tell Dolmen
I wish he would write
again - & do you good
monkey to be lively with
the pen. & don't upset
your commode & don
& make a mess on your
clothes. What a bit of

humanity you will want by the time I see you. We have taken the rooms at Studland Bay. They ask £8. 8.0 a week for everything, for ourselves, Julian, his nurse & one visitor. with no sitting room which I think cheap. Sylvia told me of other lodgings. Shall I ask about any for you?

Yours
VW.

18 Aug 1908

46, Gordon Square,
Bloomsbury.

Aug 18

My Billy.

In your letter today you give 38 as your number in Dresden. Adrian gave me 58 - to which I shall write till I hear which it really is. A note came from Bruce Richmond today, which had on the outside "to be opened & answered". It went to Fitzroy St & came & was sent on here. It was to ask what your address is & when you return. The

Science Notes! How good to proposed yr all round!

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caretaker did not know either so no answer was given at the time. But I have written to B. R. tonight to say that you probably return about the end of this month or possibly later. & giving him your address. I had to say that I didn't know whether the number was 38 or 38. So if you don't hear from him in Dresden you had better ask at the other number.
I have been busy here doing all the tiresome things that have to be done before me

goes away. Among other things I am sending off the letters to W. Meredith. I found that I had several, most of them to Mother & some I think rather good ones. Also one to me, when Father died - which I sent. Yours saying that you have been discussing Father's character reminds me of them. I don't think I agree with your conclusions - quite be glad to hear! He may have been modest. But surely he was an egoist. Though perhaps not so much of one as - some people. I think also that he really had many sympathies - because he evidently could

make & keep very intimate friends - which I don't think would be possible if we had not great powers of sympathy. These are my random remarks.
I wrote a very dull letter to Saxon today & here is another begun. What are your plans? Have you got any job for this next month or two? I had to address & stamp envelope before today - & you will have the enormous disappointment I thinks you were going to get a letter from me & finding it like me from her. The poor old thing evidently couldn't read your writing & she said it was very like the Masters which she never had been able to read a word of! I think of Sophy ploughing through the MS of the

21 Aug 1904

Telegraph and Station Seend.

CLEEVE HOUSE,
MELKSHAM,
WILTS.

Saturday.

My Baby

I had your letter just now
Why did you fear some cadaver
Impho? I thought I had
written very often. However,
I am sure you enjoyed the
pattus of the stimulation & it
must have been a shock
when some commonplace
account of the weather arrived.
We are now installed here
It all seems damnably fam-
iliar. But it was as a
matter of fact rather pleasant
to get into the country. I

do not yet feel settled here for good - for early on Monday we go back to London. I heard from Paul Phipps - who wanted me to meet him at 22 & go over the house with him & the estimate, which I have not yet seen. I shall do that on Monday morning & will tell you the result. On Tuesday I leave my last sitting from Rabé & in the afternoon we return here. & on Wednesday my change of Julian begins &

you see I have my time out
not in the near future. I am
already beginning to look for-
ward to Studland Bay. to
which as at present arranged
we go on Sep. 23? Do you
want me to get lodgings
there for you & if so when?
I think you ought to get
them as long beforehand as
possible, as the place is small
& lodgings difficult to get. but
Sylvia told me of others to
which I can write if you
like - only let me know.
I have not the address here
or I would send it by this
I never thought you would
return by the 28th did you?

After all what is the use of returning to an empty London while I am here? I heard from Pippa the other day - she said that Lytton's rest cure seemed to be going on all right & that he said he felt much better in every way - I have heard nothing from him nor have either of us written to him.

Mr Ball is away which is a little good. On the other hand we have a Canon & his wife called Sotheby staying in the house. Please thank Adrian for his letter. I shall probably write to him tonight. What a party you must be!

Yours
V.B.

(23 Aug 1909)

46, Gordon Square,
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Monday.

My Billy

I did not write to you yesterday because the only post-out on Sundays at Seend is in the morning. We came up here early today & I went straight to H. P. G. & went over it all with Paul Phipps. He seemed to me fairly intelligent & I think he has gone over the whole thing very carefully. If we do all he advises it would come altogether to about £420. I have not

2 rooms to divide between them. Too right Mutton did not occur to me & I was only reminded by the humour of having to ask dyspeptic Pascal! What-ho! How are you? Typical Spy.

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Yours
H G Wells

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Get the estimate - but
he was going to send it to
me today - so I shall be able
to let you have terms
tomorrow. The work consists
chiefly of cleaning up the
house generally, papering
most of the rooms & painting
some, painting the outside
back & front, putting in
some new windows in the
staircase & basement so
as to make it as much
lighter as possible, putting
in a lift for luggage & coals

I tidying up the gardens. I think myself that we might do most of all of this & that we should have to do about this amount if we let the house - but of course you can't tell till you get the estimates. It is cheaper than I thought it would be with a lift. He does not suggest putting in another bath room as the lift would make it a little difficult to put one in a good place. But of course we could say we would do that if the tenant wanted it.

I have spent the rest of today doing various odd jobs.

Otto Lucie writes to ask us to dinner on Wednesday but of course we can't go. They have only just come back to London. so their long stay here has been a good deal curtailed

I have got your Bayreuth article - which seems to meet with approval from the Powers I really think it very good It sounds attractive - your wanderings in the country between the acts. I have no criticisms to make - We have for the last time I hope altered our plans & now go to Studland Bay on the 16th & stay there 3 weeks. It will be a mercy to leave Sound a week earlier. Ellen put me in such a predicament in my dreams last night. I asked Lytton & Pernel & the two young Bells to stay with us for 2 nights - I had only 2 beds &

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